

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. The Office Action mailed April 10, 2007 rejected claims 32-97. This is a full and timely response to that outstanding Office Action.

I. Present Status of Patent Application

Claims 32-97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Link, II et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,550,010). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

II. Rejection of Claims 32-97 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 32-97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Link, II et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,550,010). The Office Action alleges that all claims are anticipated by the '010 patent. Since the Office Action is rejecting the current claims under 102(e) in view of the '010 patent, then the Office Action is effectively agreeing that the current claims are fully supported by the '010 patent. The '010 patent is a parent of the instant application. "Any claims which are fully supported under 35 U.S.C. 112 by the earlier parent application have the effective filing date of that earlier parent application." *M.P.E.P. 706.02 V*. Therefore, all rejections under the '010 patent are improper and should be withdrawn.

III. Status of Correction of Filing Receipt

A request for correction to the filing receipt was filed on November 22, 2004 requesting that the filing date be corrected to June 11, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests an update on the status of that request.

IV. Miscellaneous Issues

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Furthermore, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known for the particular and specific reasons that the claimed combinations are too complex to support such conclusions and because the Office Action does not include specific findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 32-97 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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